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SUBJECT: TURKISH MFA REQUESTS FACILITATION FOR RED CRESCENT TRAVEL TO IRAQ

REF: SNOW-HENGEL E-MAIL/TELCON

[1](#)1. This is an Action Request.

[1](#)2. Embassy Ankara received a faxed diplomatic note from the Turkish MFA around 7:30 PM Friday requesting urgent Embassy assistance to facilitate the travel of a Turkish Red Crescent Society group to Iraq for humanitarian aid purposes. The group is travelling October 20. In the dip note the Foreign Ministry says that the American and Iraqi authorities have been informed of the visit by the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad.

[1](#)3. Attached to the dip note is a list of 13 people with dates of birth and passport numbers as well as vehicle information for seven vehicles. Post has faxed the dip note and attached list to EUR/SE.

4. Post requests Washington, Centcom and CPA assistance in facilitating the travel of the Turkish Red Crescent group. Kindly pass on this information as appropriate. Post thanks the Department, Centcom and the CPA for their assistance.

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